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## MARDI GRAS PARTY SCORES A HIT AS COMMITTEE OUTDOES ITSELF

It may have been Lincoln's birthday elsewhere in town but February 12 at St. Stephen's Hall in Foggy Bottom was Mardi Gras night. And a highly successful night it was, as more than 200 neighbors and friends danced to the music of the Hi-Fi's, consumed several kegs and punch bowls of refreshments and got acquainted with one another.

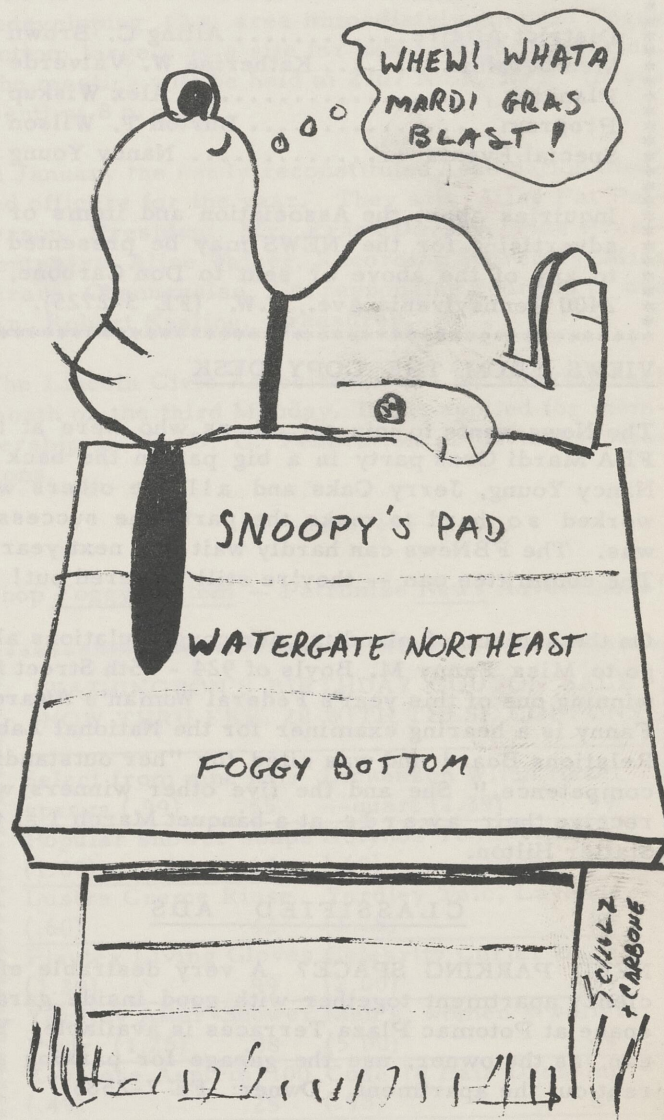
This was the second Mardi Gras party sponsored by the Foggy Bottom Association. It may well become an annual event. There were some innovations this year however, including a fortune teller and a prize for best costume.

The fortune telling was supplied by turbaned Francis Stevens, a special editor with U. S. News, who fascinated his "clients" with his skill, his charm and his 24 Taro cards -- in French and of gypsy origin -- each with two different meanings. Proceeds from the seer's work have found their way into the St. Stephen's poor box.

The best costume award, a set of crystal from Foggy Bottom Gifts, was won by a young man disguised -- ironically enough, considering the locale -- as Satan, complete with calling cards. Under the circumstances, anonymity seemed advisable. Several dozen other party-goers appeared in costume, ranging from the subtle to the total.

An array of door prizes included such items as perfume from Keystone Pharmacy and Washington Circle Drugs, free meals from Mellonas, Circle One and Vienna Restaurants, wines from Gillie's Liquors and the D&W Market, and fruit baskets from Rosenblatt's and Washington Circle Markets.

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## FEBRUARY 28 FBA MEETING FEATURES ANNUAL CONCERT BY CHAMBER QUARTET

The Foggy Bottom Association's next meeting will be Monday, February 28 at 8 p.m. in Pillsbury Hall, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2nd floor, 2430 K St., N. W. The program will feature the Foggy Bottom Chamber Music Quartet in another of its annual FBA concerts. The quartet consists of Bernard Mason, violin; Joel Wheeler, recorder; Allen Dittman, flute; and Charlotte Eisler, harpsichord.

The compositions will be drawn from the Baroque era with works by Vivaldi, Loeillet, Telemann, Fasch and Handel. This music is lively and the listener often unconsciously toe-taps in time with the dances included. Written especially for the house rather than for the concert hall, these works are particularly well adapted to less-than-huge groups such as the FBA and to Pillsbury Hall.




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## COMMISSION DENIES REZONING REQUESTS FOR HIGH-RISE BUILDING AT 25TH AND H

The District of Columbia Zoning Commission has denied an application for the rezoning of two Foggy Bottom lots, now being used principally as a parking lot, in Square 17 at 25th and H Streets. The owners had requested in November and again in January that the lots' classification be changed to high-density residential, and on both occasions the Zoning Commission denied the applications without a hearing.

In a letter to the Zoning Commission, FBA President Donald J. Carbone stated that the change "would adversely affect the entire Foggy Bottom area by permitting another high-rise, high-density apartment building in an already extremely congested area."

FBA Zoning Subcommittee Chairman Edward Minor commented that the "Commission's action is appreciated by area residents interested in maintaining the low-density residential character of the property in and near Square 17." Minor also stated that the Subcommittee is at work on a constructive proposal for a permanent solution to this recurring zoning problem.

Members of the Subcommittee are Walter Boardman, Arthur H. Fawcett Jr., Miss Harriet Gruger, Miss Melita Rodeck, William L. Simon and Alexander E.

Wiskup. District Affairs Committee Chairman Alling Brown and Secretary Ellie Becker are ex-officio members.

## LINCOLN CITIZENS MEET FEBRUARY 21

The recently formed Lincoln Civic Association has scheduled a further look at the proposed International Center for its February 21 meeting. A staff member of the National Capital Planning Commission is to talk about the latest draft of the plan for redeveloping the area immediately north of Foggy Bottom largely as a site for new foreign chanceries. The meeting will be held at 2107 N St., N. W. (basement) at 8 p.m.

In January the newly reconstituted Association elected officers for the year. They are: Miss Pat Patterson, President; Mr. Frank Dorsey, Vice President; Mrs. Alice Walker, Recording Secretary; Miss Sirarpi Ohannessian, Corresponding Secretary, and Mr. Robert Keating, Treasurer.

The Lincoln Civic Association will be meeting each month on the third Monday. It has applied for membership in the D. C. Federation of Civic Associations.

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Purpose of the library is to help parishioners "be more accurately informed and more deeply inspired to carry on their work as Christians in the contemporary world." Selections are necessarily limited to those of Catholic interest. Funds for new books are being raised by the sale of "excess" books -- covering a wide range of interests -- from the old library.

Rev. Thomas M. Duffy is Guild moderator. Volunteer librarians are Vivian Nedeau (acting coordinator), Eileen Cooke, E. H. Potts, Isabella Geppert, Rose Norman, Mary T. Balik, Frances Gambino, Cornelia Dunphy, Juana Vogt, Irene Shaw, Carmen Bart and Mary Maciejewski.

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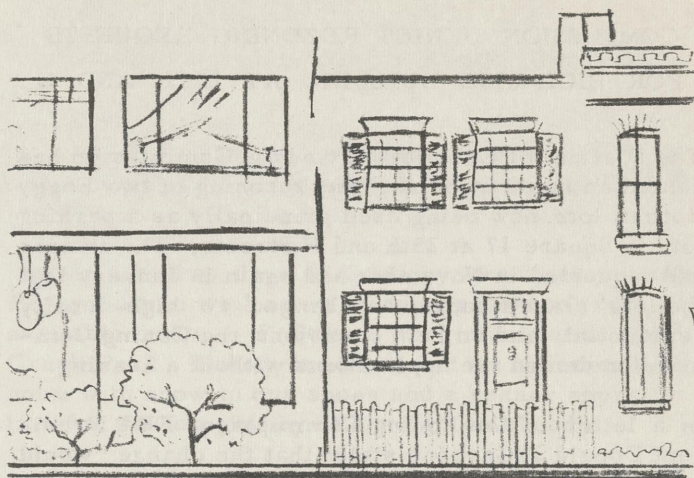
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## HOW THE FOGGY BOTTOM NEWS GOT STARTED

Some Notes on its Eighth Anniversary

By Charley Rogers - Illustrated by Shirley Kennard

A note in my diary for January 31, 1958 reads: "Took a day's leave of absence to work on FOGGY BOTTOM NEWS." My day's work appeared under a score of headlines in the first issue of the NEWS, dated February 1958. So this month marks our birthday. We are eight years old.

Herb Socks, George MacKinnon and I gave birth to the little paper one evening when I stopped by their Eye Street home to have a drink of George's Scotch. I said to Herb, then President of the Association, "Why don't we start a paper?" and Herb answered, "Why not?" George chimed in with, "I'll be business and circulation manager, and get the paper printed on NBC's mimeograph at cost of labor."

The idea of a paper for Foggy Bottom had been simmering in my mind almost from the day I moved into my house in Hughes Mews, in July 1955. Foggy Bottom fascinated me, for it was then something almost unique -- a village of little houses set down within a large city. But more than a year later, early in 1958, I didn't know much about it, really, and I thought that getting out a newspaper for the neighborhood would force me to become acquainted. It did.

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I continued to write and/or edit the NEWS for four years, when George and Herb moved away and nobody came forward to do advertising and circulation for the paper. It was the official organ of the Association then as now, but during those first 4 years it was actually my paper -- pure personal journalism. Any resemblance to objectivity in it was coincidental. Occasionally we published announcements of Association business, true, but mostly it was a subjective representation of Foggy Bottom as I saw it. In all of my 40 years of newspaper work I never had so much fun writing, because I was free to write as I pleased. Nobody edited me.

During those years I tried to make the NEWS read like a letter from home, with lots of names of people in the "village" with as many people as possible involved in the project.

George got three advertisers for the first edition -- Gold's Liquors, D & W Market, and Woodward and Norris Real Estate. George charged our advertisers \$5 an ad, and agreed to take no ad from a competitor. Times have changed.

To be continued

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REMINDER: Next meeting Monday, February 28 at Pillsbury Hall, 2430 K Street, 8 p.m.

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## MARDI GRAS (continued from page 1)

Other awards included a light fixture from Arnold Korab Associates, two corsages from Abend's Florists, a Peanuts book from the Reprint Book Shop and free dry cleaning from the Washington Circle Valet, a shampoo and set from the Marg-Ann Beauty Salon and two complimentary French lessons from Nancy Young. Liquid refreshments were obtained -- and served -- through the efforts of Harry Collier of Collier's Liquor Store while the Federal Super Market donated the snacks.

To make the Mardi Gras such a rousing success Nancy Young called upon a whole troop of eager (now exhausted) helpers. Before donning his batman costume Jerry Oakes had designed and managed the decorating, including the local-type Peanuts cartoons, not to mention several other chores before and during the party.

Other yeoman efforts of long hours were supplied by Ellie Becker, Claudia McWilliams, Paul Kennedy, Prissy Farris, and Adelaide Miller. Further help with tickets and refreshments was supplied in great measure by Katherine Valverde, Morella Hansen, Margerie Wheatley, Ed Czyz, Kip Thoreson, Wally Allen, Chip Fawcett, Dorothy Kodrowski, Joan Conello and Mary Jane Watts.

Chairman Nancy asked the News to pass along her deepest thanks to all who helped out -- whether or not the News got their names -- and to St. Stephen's Church for use of the hall.

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### STELLA WINS A TRIP TO FLORIDA

Friends of Mrs. Henry Rosenblatt in Foggy Bottom, most of whom know her as Stella, have been twitting her about a contest she won. It paid all expenses to Miami Beach, Florida, including a first class round trip plane ticket and a complete new wardrobe for the occasion. Actually it was not a contest at all. Her brother Nathan Kuskin of Miami Beach was that eager to have Stella attend his 50th wedding anniversary February 10.

Stella is the youngest of eight siblings in the Kuskin family and the only one born in the United States. All the others were born in Russia, from which the

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family emigrated early in the century. They grew up in Philadelphia. Henry and Stella Rosenblatt have been operating a grocery store, Rosenblatt's Market in Foggy Bottom since 1939, first at 25th and Eye, and since the early 1950's at 25th and K. Stella is justifiably proud of her brother Nathan who, though self-educated, not only made his fortune in Florida real estate but has published two books and at 80 he took up painting. Now, at 83, he is teaching others how to paint.

### HENRIETTA ZOLTROW OPENS OWN BUSINESS

After 15 years in the insurance business, FBA member Henrietta Y. Zoltrow, of the Jefferson Apartments, 922 - 24th Street, has gone into business for herself. She opened offices downtown in the Southern Building and is selling all lines of insurance.

Henrietta is a native-born Washingtonian, although she spent much of her adult days in Boston. She served with the Women's Army Corps and later she worked for the Inter-American Geodetic Survey in Havana. Recently back from an around-the-world tour, she has settled down to the hard work of building up a business -- including, as she has indicated, consultations with Bottomites "any evening at their home, if desired, about their insurance program."

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on Washington Circle, and the shop's manager, Eleanor Daggy, returned earlier this month from a 17 day buying trip in Europe, concentrating on Madrid, Barcelona, Paris and London. The items they've ordered will be on display in the shop within the next few weeks. Mr. Witt commented that not only European gift shops but also European customers were becoming more like their American counterparts. People are now choosing the same kind of wedding gifts, for example, there as here. There are some differences however. Inspecting some handmade shirts he learned that while one cost \$5, a half dozen would cost \$7.50 each. Reason: to produce six the shirt maker would have to hire help, acquire more space, and otherwise add to his expenses.

### BARBER BECOMES A CELEBRITY

Frank DiMisa, who has lived in Foggy Bottom longer than almost anyone else, has achieved fame beyond the limits of his barber shop clientele. Frank was the subject of a recent feature article, complete with pictures, in the Evening Star because, after all, what better source is there for colorful local history than a man who's cut the neighborhood's hair at the same place -- 2508 Pennsylvania -- since 1920. His father opened the shop at the turn of the century; Frank was born -- and still lives -- in the upstairs apartment. Frank began cutting hair when he was 13, starting as an apprentice at a downtown shop. He was given all the "hard to cut" customers, he recalls.

What Frank doesn't know about Foggy Bottom can probably be supplied by his fellow barber, Sanford Winkler. He's worked at Frank's since 1930.

### FIRE CLOSES COLLER'S TEMPORARILY

Harry D. Collier, proprietor of Collier's Liquors at 2419 Pennsylvania, is planning a fire sale soon -- with good reason. Fire broke out in a back room February 2, possibly from a short circuit, causing considerable smoke and heat damage. Harry hopes to reopen soon. Of the fire sale he says, "There'll be a lot of good whiskey with scorched labels at good prices."

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## GOLD'S LIQUORS TURNS TWENTY

While they may be somewhat behind Frank's Barber Shop and Mellonas Restaurant in the Foggy Bottom longevity standings, owner Harry Goldman and manager Monty Swartz of Gold's Liquors, at 25th and Pennsylvania, will be celebrating their twentieth anniversary at that location March 15. In fact, they are planning to celebrate it all month -- with a sale. Store employees George Thurston and Sterling Beaver are hardly less durable. George has been there for the full two decades, Sterling the last 15 years. And Monty predicts that the shop will still be there after a new high rise is erected on the corner.

## SCRATCH ONE BACHELOR: FBA PREXY TO WED

The couple who appeared at the Mardi Gras party in "Peanuts" sweatshirts were appropriately matched in more ways than one. They're engaged to be married. The man in the Charlie Brown shirt is FBA President Don Carbone of 2400 Pennsylvania. His fiancée (under the Snoopy shirt), is Miss Jo Giddo of Lanier Place, N.W. They'll be wed June 18 at St. Matthew's in a double ceremony along with Jo's twin Rita and Bob Acker of Arlington.

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FOGGY BOTTOM CRIME PICTURE CHANGED  
CAPT. BISHOP WARNS OF FLIM-FLAM GAME

Major crime in the Third Precinct area was up by 40% during 1965, according to Captain Raymond Bishop. Reporting at the January Crime Council meeting, Captain Bishop stated that he is continuing to vary his tactics as necessary to meet the constant changes in crime pattern.

In the Foggy Bottom part of the Precinct, there continues to be frequent incidents of housebreaking and auto theft, while crimes of violence remain rare. Some of the recent housebreakings are believed to be the work of school truants, and Captain Bishop plans to seek the cooperation of school authorities in combatting this.

A group of "flim-flam" artists has been at work in the Precinct, preying especially on elderly ladies. Local banks have been asked to notify the police when depositors withdraw a large amount of money in cash.

Bill Simon, the Foggy Bottom Association representative to the Crime Council, brought up the question of complaints made by people living near the Channel House bar. Although complaints have been made to the Police by various neighbors about noise and other problems associated with the bar, the Precinct recently reported to the ABC Board that their records contain no information of a serious nature on the establishment.

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